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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Duffy et al.

Application No.: 09/379,212

Filed: August 23, 1999

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS
FOR POWER CONNECTION
IN A MODULAR PATIENT
CARE SYSTEM**

Group Art Unit: 3711

Examiner: Mendez, M.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks in response to the Office Action dated March 9, 2000 in the above-cited case.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 19 as follows:

3/10/00 19. A modular patient care system, comprising:
C/ a plurality of modules including a first module and a second module, said second module comprising a first portion grippable by a user, said second module being configured and dimensioned so as to be capable of being held by a single hand of the user by gripping said first portion;

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